

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
March 18, 2014**

ATTENDANCE: Sandy Sullivan, Terri Works, Lacey Bartich, Ruth Miller, Janie Brown, Helen Bierce, Bonnie Toy, Janet Caccia, Lynne Norris, Gail Smyth, and Laura Eisentadter.

Sandy Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. There were two guests, Jim Powell and Michele Powell, attending as potential new Board members. Sandy declared a quorum. Ruth moved and Janie seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2014 meeting. The Board voted to approve the minutes. Sandy had no correspondence to report but Janie mentioned three letters she had received requesting information about selling vintage clothing at the book sales, whether our books were for sale on line, and providing the name of two potential volunteer workers.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie submitted her report for 02/12/14 to 03/14/14. She explained she is trying to simplify the report. The expanded information will be available on request but the new report will be more streamlined. She said the tracking of restrictive gifts is especially difficult and time-consuming. Some discussion ensued about the allocation for the new service desk. The Board agreed that if it was not going to move forward with the desk that it should notify Ruth Jackson's family about that decision.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura reported that the ACT meeting at the library and sponsored by the Board went very well. She informed the Board that the County cut her budget by 2.3%. The library has suffered reduction in its budget every year beginning in 2009. The library is operating with a skeleton staff now and Laura does not want to reduce staff further. She requested the Board to put any large project on hold and asked the Board for \$10,000 to cover the cost of library materials. Bonnie moved and Terry seconded a motion to provide Laura with the requested funds. The motion was carried. Laura said these funds would allow her to continue to operate through the fall. Laura said that this is the time of year that the electronic resources are being billed and she may need assistance with renewal amounts. The Friends have paid for Mango Lang., Novelist+ and e-books in the past. Ruth and Laura have applied for the e-Rate discounts available to schools and libraries from the Universal Service Fund monitored by the FCC. They commented that the application process is complicated but the library has been able to take advantage of these funds to help reduce phone and Internet service costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Helen said the ACT meeting at the library went well. Helen acknowledged the fine presentation Laura made and said it resulted in three people applying for library cards.

After Helen steps down from the Board she agreed to remain FACL's contact with ACT. Helen will email the Board with a summary of the monthly ACT meeting. Janie will attend ACT functions when Helen is unable to do so.

Janie said that Laura and Connie Murdock attended and spoke at the Plymouth Rotary meeting in February and received a donation for Adopt-a-Book.

In order to reduce the amount of incoming messages to the members Sandy requested that the Board members only send emails to the appropriate individuals as a matter of policy.

The issue regarding changing meeting times was tabled for the 2014 Retreat.

Discussion followed about who will chair the committees. So far we have the following chairs: Terri – Book Sales, Janie - Farmers' Market, Jim – Publicity, and Ruth – Membership until June. Ruth indicated she would be fully resigning from the Board at that time.

The Board discussed the 2014 Retreat, decided to that it is beneficial to have one, but will set a date for the retreat at the April meeting. The Board needs to determine the availability of Rosalie as moderator, and if Bonnie will be able to accommodate the Board on the date it decides to hold the retreat. At the April meeting the Board will try to narrow the topics for the retreat agenda.

The two guests were introduced. Jim and Michele indicated they would like to become Board members. Terry moved and Bonnie seconded their nomination. The Board unanimously and with thanks voted to accept them on the Board.

Sandy livened the meeting with a presentation of her Little Library Trivia test. The Board learned there are Little Libraries in 55 countries for a total of 16,000 worldwide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP –Ruth reported that since January 1, 2014, 117 members renewed bringing in revenue of \$2,070. FACL is carrying 332 members on its roll. There are 84 lifetime members, 159 non-lifetime members who are current, and 89 members who have yet to renew. After the April book sale Ruth will remove the names of members who have not renewed.

BOOK SALE – The next book drive will be on March 22. Helen received two calls about the book sale. Jean Elliot at the Methodist Church wants to donate books, some published in the 1880's. Helen will meet with Jean on Sunday, March 23 to discuss this potential donation. The second call was from a Sutter Creek resident who want to volunteer to work the book sale. Helen will give the contact information to Janet. The tables will be set up for the April sale on Thursday. There will be a single shift on Friday from 10:30 to 2:30 to place the books on display. Lunch will be served to the volunteers. The

WEBSITE – the email contact for the Newsletter on the website shows Kati as the contact. Bonnie agreed to notify Louise to change that to Lynne’s email address.

NEWSLETTER – Kati has prepared the Newsletter and it will be sent this week. The Board acknowledged what a grand job Kati did in putting out a quality publication. Lynne will assume writing the articles. Jim will do the layout and act as the official photographer.

FARMER’S MARKET – The Farmers’ Market would like to have FACL at all of its opening days the first week in June. FACL decided to attend the Markets in Jackson on Sunday, in Pine Grove on Wednesday, and in Sutter Creek on Saturdays. Board members volunteered to man the tables at all three sites.

PUBLICITY – Terri reported that the publicity is running smoothly.

FUNDRAISING –The issue of what types of future fundraising the Board will consider will be considered at the 2014 Retreat.

BOOTS & BOOKS – Some discussion ensued about repeating this fundraiser. Susan Staggs volunteered to find a performer if the Board decides to proceed with a similar venue in 2015. Because we need to start early to secure a performer the Board agreed to proceed as if are going to have Boots & Boos in 2015. This fundraiser will be discussed further at the 2014 Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS

The slate officers for the newsletter ballot will be Sandy Sullivan for President, Janie Brown for Vice President, Gail Smyth as Secretary, and Bonnie Toy as Treasurer.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 10:58 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M at the GSA Building.